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Chairman Thomas Wheeler

Federal Communications Commission

445 12 Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

February 10, 2014

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I recently read the January 30, 2014 article in the Wall Street Journal entitled "FCC to Vote on Scrapping Telecom Landlines," and I am writing to you and all the FCC commissioners to express my support in maintaining copper-based landlines.

Since 2005, I've lived in a location with no cellular coverage, and my landline has been a vital part of my life. It not only serves as a link for my safety and connection with my family and friends, but is also important to my job, which includes making sure radio stations stay on the air, a public service in and of itself. While Time Warner Cable most likely offers VOIP service to my home, that would have been of little comfort during the 52 hours I had no power (but had a working landline) during Hurricane Sandy. Furthermore, after reading of the recent shooting and potential terrorist attack to the Metcalf, CA substation, my greatest fear is facing a long-term power outage with no telephone because the government and Frontier Communications deemed my copper-based landline obsolete.

I often feel that folks such as myself in rural or suburban areas of this country are ignored or disregarded by many lawmakers in Washington, DC who feel we aren't wise or cultured enough to make decisions for ourselves. I hope that in the case of our landline phone service, the Federal Communications Commission won't follow this trend.

Regards,



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Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup>. Street SW  
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James Hertter  
3668 Castle Pointe Drive  
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Dear Mr. Wheeler:

i am writing today to object to the merger of Comcast and Time Warner cable networks. 1) I believe the consumer will be harmed by less competition. 2) Comcast and Time Warner have among the lowest customer service records in commerce today. 3) The only credible competition left would perhaps be Charter in the cable business and the wireless carriers. The FCC needs to stand up for the consumer: say NO to the merger!

Thanks for your consideration



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Tom Wheeler  
Commissioner  
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445 12th Street, SQ  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

I am very concerned by the impact of the Comcast – Time Warner merger on consumers such as myself, and I hope you will act to ensure that consumers, not the share holders of the companies benefit from this transaction.

Comcast has given you lots of reasons why they think this merger will benefit consumers, however everyone who knows the industry (which I'm sure you do) knows that these are mere lip service. If they have their way, they will be able to charge consumers more money for the same service they now provide.

I am not overly worried about the conglomeration of media companies Comcast has subsumed, nor its impact on cable television. I am entirely concerned with the aspect of this transaction with the new Comcast as an internet service provider. There are already far too few large ISPs in this country, which seriously limits consumer choice. With consumer choice limited, the ISPs don't need to focus on competing with other ISPs, and thus don't need to improve service. They can simply keep service as it is, and let the profits roll in.

I am open to the possibility of this merger, but only if the following conditions are applied to the new Comcast:

- They must not discriminate against any type of traffic. They currently have a rule stating basically this imposed on them until 2018, this should be extended permanently.
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I believe, that with these conditions, the Comcast - Time Warner merger could be successful and an overall benefit to consumers.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Kent



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Michael O'Rielly  
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Ajit Pai  
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Jessica Rosenworcel  
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Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Clyburn:

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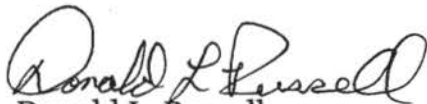
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Re: COMCAST Time Warner Merger

To whom it may concern;

NO, no a thousand times no to the COMCAST/Time Warner Merger. The old trustbuster Theodore Roosevelt must be spinning in his coffin over this. If this merger would not qualify as a monopoly then nothing would ever qualify. Again we say, no, never.

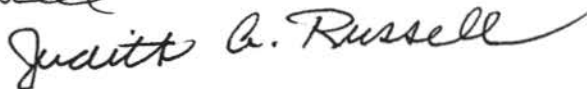


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February 15, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my **strong** opposition to the **Comcast-TimeWarner merger**. I live in Vermont where my **only choice** for an ISP is Comcast. When Comca\$t bought Adelphi, my previous ISP, the first thing it did was raise rates **35%**. Since that time, once to twice a year, Comcast raises rates—and for just basic internet—recently from \$64.00 to \$68.00. In six months to a year, I'll see another increase probably to \$72.00! Meanwhile, there are no improvements in service. But what incentive does Comcast have to improve service? After all, I have not choice: it's either Comcast or no internet.

The **only** thing to compare this to is electricity or railroads. What Comcast and utilities or railroads have in common is infrastructure. But, unlike these entities, Comcast is not regulated. I can "fire" my heating oil company if I don't like their service or prices; ditto with every other service I pay for. Not Comcast.

Comca\$t is like a **cartel**. Lacking regulation or competition, they have every incentive to charge as much as possible and provide the least amount of service. To make matters worse, with the recent court decision, they aren't even required to treat websites equally; they can pick and choose, making deals to provide faster or slower service based on fees!

Many people who travel to Europe are shocked by the high-speed, high-capacity networks there. That's because of government regulation or ownership of the internet. Comcast, in this country, extracts enormous rents, and gains enormous profits, for providing the most basic internet service to Americans. For these reasons, I urge you to stop the Comcast-TimeWarner merger. But I urge more: **Comcast must and should be regulated**. Internet access is no longer a luxury; it is like phone or electricity: **it is a utility**. I urge you to consider Comcast's predatory pricing practices and work to regulate it. So called "**interstate information services**" should not be protected. Comcast must and should be subject to federal and state regulation.

Thank you for considering my concerns in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



William Halikias

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Federal Communications Commission,

Please, do not let Comcast buy Time/Warner Cable for \$45,200,000,000. This must stop. It is time to "REGULATE" the cable industry again, they cannot be trusted with their ongoing rate increases for their mergers and acquisitions that I refuse and have been paying for.

I am writing you with the same concern and issue. I cannot afford another increase in my cable bill. I am handicapped, disabled and on a fixed income. I have contacted: First Selectwoman Glassman, Senator Murphy, Senator Blumenthal, Congresswoman Esty, Congressman Hampton, State Representative Wikos, Federal Communications Commission, Security and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice, PURA Commissioners, Richard E. Ostop of HACTAC, Comcast CEO Brian Roberts, regulators, lawyers, regarding Comcast cable rate increases with very little response, all negative answers and results or a soft reply to my issue. Please Help!

In 2/2/08 I was paying \$45 per month for Comcast cable with internet for one TV and one computer.

2/6/12 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$80.74 for one TV and one computer.

2/23/12 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$94.69 for one TV and one computer.

9/28/12 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$99.80 for one TV and one computer.

12/4/12 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$99.91 for one TV and one computer.

2/10/13 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$99.95 for one TV and one computer.

5/1/2013 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$110.84 for one TV and one computer.

8/1/13 My Comcast cable with internet bill went to \$86.85 for one TV and one computer, after numerous phone calls, emails and letters, I got a 6 month "promotion", complimentary of Comcast, now it's over.

1/2/14 My Comcast cable with internet bill went up to \$105.68 for one TV and one computer, this is all for the same programming service which has gotten worse.

2/4/14 My Comcast cable with internet bill went up to \$109.30 for one TV and one computer, this is all for the same programming service which has gotten worse.

The New York Times, Amy Chozick

Published 5/1/13

Higher Cable Bills Help Comcast Increase Profits by 17%. The solid earnings announced on Wednesday were partly the result of higher cable bills for 72 percent of Comcast's subscribers. The company reported \$3.07 billion in operating income and \$15.3 billion in revenue, increases of 11.2 percent and 2.9 percent from the same quarter last year.



The New York Times, Published By RAVI SOMAIYA, JAN. 28, 2014

Comcast, the nation's largest cable provider and the owner of NBCUniversal, on Tuesday reported a sharp increase in profit for the fourth quarter of 2013. The results helped lift Comcast's net income for the three months that ended Dec. 31 by 26%, to \$1.9 billion, compared with a year ago.

Comcast recently made headlines for its possible role in a bid for Time Warner Cable. This month, Charter Communications proposed an acquisition of Time Warner Cable. In one potential plan, Comcast could endorse Charter's bid and acquire some of Time Warner's customers, including those in New York. Comcast said at the start of its earnings call that it would not comment on merger speculation.

In a call with investors, Brian L. Roberts, Comcast's chief executive, praised its acquisition last year of the 49 percent of NBCUniversal that it did not already own. Mr. Roberts called the deal "the single most important decision of 2013." NBCUniversal has "significantly exceeded our expectations," he said, and its turnaround "is happening even faster than we anticipated."

NBCUniversal revenue increased 7.5 percent, to \$6.5 billion, in the fourth quarter. Revenue from broadcast television increased 11.5 percent, to \$2.2 billion, in the quarter, driven by an increase in ad sales. But for the year, the network's sales declined more than 13 percent compared with 2012, a drop it attributed in part to the increase the Super Bowl and the Summer Olympics provided that year.

Comcast's results met or exceeded estimates across most of its units, Tom Eagan, an analyst for Northland Capital Markets, said in a note to clients.

Filmed entertainment, driven by the success of movies like "Despicable Me 2," increased its revenue 4.9 percent, to \$1.4 billion. The company said it planned to invest more this year in coming releases including sequels like "Jurassic Park 4" and "Fast & Furious 7."

At NBCUniversal's cable networks, which include Bravo and the USA Network, revenue increased 5.3 percent, to \$2.3 billion. Mr. Roberts also praised its new digital system, X1, which allows customers to watch and store television on devices that include tablets and smartphones. He said the company was talking to other cable providers about licensing the technology.

Comcast increased its dividend by more than 15 percent and authorized \$7.5 billion in share repurchases, \$3 billion of which are planned for 2014. In trading Tuesday, Comcast shares closed up 86 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$53.35.

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Comcast/NBC Universal announced its proposed \$45.2 billion merger with its competitor Time-Warner Cable on Feb. 13, 2014. Comcast is already the nation's largest internet service provider, largest video provider and one of the largest home phone providers. If the proposed merger with



Time Warner Cable is allowed, Comcast would become even more powerful, harming consumers and innovators by further limiting competition in a market with very few competitors and ever-rising prices. This merger must be stopped because it is simply dangerous for such a large proportion of our nation's critical communications infrastructure to be in the hands of just one provider.

Published by Joe Chisar

In January 2013 Comcast bought NBC Universal Communications from General Electric for \$16,700,000,000! Comcast CEO Brian Roberts RAPED in a salary of \$35,000,000 in 2013, \$41,900,000 in 2012, and \$26,900,000 in 2011 and is now a member of the exclusive BILLIONAIRES Club. This man makes more money in one week than I have made in 40 years of working hard. I want to know WHY this man deserves to make this kind of money in one year to make a yes or no decision on what company he is going to buy and/or sell, increase rates, Mergers and Acquisitions, how many people he is going to downsize, layoff, terminate, or fire. I can do this job for \$100,000 per year and reduce cable rates for all customers, but GREED is number one in his world. This is all because the cable lobbyists in Washington deregulated the cable industry now we are all screwed. Maybe it's time to break up Comcast into little pieces just like the federal government broke up AT&T. PLEASE HELP!!!

I want to know how to stop the Comcast billing Rape of the public? Why am I paying for the Comcast Theater in Hartford, Ct., Comcast Sports Network, and the **NEW COMCAST TOWER being built in Philadelphia for \$950,000,000**, other promotional, sales, marketing, and advertising thru hidden fees? And other hidden fees which I cannot figure out and doesn't say on my bill? I don't want to be paying for Mergers and Acquisitions, their advertising on TV, and the internet or anything else. Why is there NO cable competition in Simsbury, Ct. I have called and researched, AT&T, Cox and others are NOT allowed to compete with Comcast, WHY? This is not fair or right. Where I live we are not allowed to have satellite dishes which are much less expensive per my landlord lease agreement.

Cable competition should be universal in all 48 lower states and I should be able to decide where my money goes even out of state. Why does Comcast have a monopoly on my cable in Simsbury, Ct.? This is a 500 billion dollar corporation that can survive without Raping the public every 2 months with rate increases.

Please reply.....

Sincerely,

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